

Data Points

Issue 39

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Proposal to Drop “Claim ID NO” for FY 2005

In the NSF Event File, the Claim ID Number (field CA0-29 “Claim ID NO”) was provided so that regions could assign their own unique numbers to each claim. Currently, the Event Editor generates a general error if the “Claim ID NO” field is left blank or if the value in the field is not numeric. RDMC also generates a number for each claim that serves to make each Event record unique.

The new HIPAA format for the Event file does not provide a field where regions can submit unique numbers for each claim. For the regions that have been submitting events in the HIPAA format, RDMC has been filling in the “Claim ID NO” with an automatically generated unique number. This is in addition to the unique number that RDMC supplies for each claim.

We don’t see any reason for each claim to have two uniquely generated numbers. Because of this, we propose that the Event field “Claim ID NO” be dropped from the Accuracy and Completeness requirements for the regions starting with FY 2005. Under this proposal, the field would no longer be required, and no errors would be generated if the field were blank or non-numeric.

If you have any questions or concerns about this proposal, please talk to Dennis Moore (Dennis.Moore@RDMC.org)

This Year’s Incentive Bond Calculation

The Incentive Bond calculation for this year will only cover the submissions for 9 months (July 2003 through March 2004). All future Incentive Bond calculations will cover the submissions for 12 months (April of the previous year through March of the current year). This will allow the payment to be made in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year, after the submission of March data.

Increased Number of Valid CPT and HCPCS Codes

The state has approved an expanded list of valid CPT codes and HCPCS codes. We plan to make the programming changes to accept these new valid codes early next month. Lists of all valid CPT and HCPCS codes are available on-line in the “Reports” drop-down box near the 2004 Data Set Guide (http://mhmr.chs.ky.gov/CMHC/cmhc_data_guide.asp). If the codes you want to use are still not in these listings, please contact Hope Barrett (Hope.Barrett@ky.gov).